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January 15, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Committee Charter Consultation – Ocean Research Advisory Panel

The Office of the Secretary of the Navy has requested the charter for the Ocean Research Advisory Panel be renewed, and that the name of the advisory committee be changed to the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (Attached).

The Department of Defense, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR, § 102-3.60, has carefully reviewed the Department of the Navy's request, and has determined that renewing the charter for this non-discretionary federal advisory committee is in the best interest of the Department of Defense and the American public.

The Department of Defense has further determined that this non-discretionary advisory committee is essential to DoD's mission, and that no other DoD or Executive Branch advisory committee can meet these needs. The Panel, through its membership, continues to provide independent advice to the Federal interagency Committee for Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration.

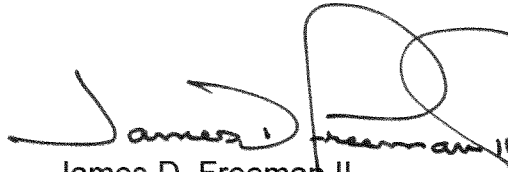
Section 7903(a) of title 10, United States Code determines the make-up of the Panel and the number of committee members. Individuals, appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time employees shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, the BoV members shall serve without compensation.

The committee is authorized to establish subcommittees, and the committee, to include any subcommittees, will operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR, Parts 102-3 through 102-3.185.

Prior to submitting a Federal Register notice and subsequently filing the committee's charter with the Library of Congress and the appropriate congressional committees, the Department of Defense respectfully requests that the Committee Management Secretariat review and approve the charter (attached). The charter has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel for the Department of Defense.

In addition, the Department of Defense requests that the Panel's name be changed in the GSA's FACA Database from the Ocean Research Advisory Panel to the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel.

If you should have any questions about this charter please contact me at 703-601-2554, extension 128.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Freeman II". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "F" and a cursive "II" at the end.

James D. Freeman II  
Deputy Committee Management  
Officer for the Department of Defense

2 Attachments  
As stated



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

21 December 2007

## ACTION MEMO

FOR: ASSISTANT FOR ADMINISTRATION UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: RADM WILLIAM E. LANDAY III, Chief of Naval Research *R/William E. Landay III*

SUBJECT: OCEAN RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL  
(ORRAP) CHARTER REVISION AND RENEWAL

- To obtain approval for revision and renewal of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) Charter (TAB A – in hard copy and electronic form).
- The charter has been revised to update operating costs.
- ORRAP is a statutory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that reports the Federal Interagency Committee for Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration (ICOSRMI).
- 10 U.S. Code 790 establishing the panel is included in TAB B.
- Recent and proposed future activities of the Panel justifying renewal are highlighted in TAB C.

RECOMMENDATION: AAUSN approve charter revisions and renewal (TAB A).

COORDINATION: See TAB D

AAUSN DECISION:

Approve: *[Signature]*  
Date: 1/9/08

Attachments: As stated above

Prepared by: Dr. Linwood Vincent, Ocean Atmosphere and Space Sciences Division  
Director ONR Code 322, 703-696-4120

CHARTER  
OCEAN RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as the Panel).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, shall provide independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council.
- C. Panel Membership: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 18 members, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, State Governments, academia and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy or related fields including ocean resource management. Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.

Panel Members, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, and shall serve no more than four years. The Panel Membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Panel on an ad hoc basis.

- D. Panel Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the minimum number of Panel meetings is one per year. The Panel shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary, to fulfill its mission, and these subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended.
- E. Duration of the Panel: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy and the Office of Naval Research, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Panel's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 6.
- G. Termination Date: The Panel shall terminate upon recession 10 U.S.C. § 7903.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Board is \$195,280.00. The estimated personnel cost to the Department of Defense is 0.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Charter Filed: December 13, 2007

**TITLE 10--ARMED FORCES**  
**Subtitle C--Navy and Marine Corps**  
**PART IV--GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**CHAPTER 665--NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

§ 7903. Ocean Research Advisory Panel

**(a) Establishment.**— The Council shall establish an Ocean Research Advisory Panel consisting of not less than 10 and not more than 18 members appointed by the chairman, including the following:

- (1)** One member who will represent the National Academy of Sciences.
- (2)** One member who will represent the National Academy of Engineering.
- (3)** One member who will represent the Institute of Medicine.
- (4)** Members selected from among individuals who will represent the views of ocean industries, State governments, academia, and such other views as the chairman considers appropriate.
- (5)** Members selected from among individuals eminent in the fields of marine science or marine policy, or related fields.

**(b) Responsibilities.**— The Council shall assign the following responsibilities to the Advisory Panel:

- (1)** To advise the Council on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program.
- (2)** To advise the Council on selection of partnership projects and allocation of funds for partnership projects for implementation under the program.
- (3)** To advise the Council on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements.
- (4)** Any additional responsibilities that the Council considers appropriate.

**(c) Funding.**— The Secretary of the Navy annually shall make funds available to support the activities of the Advisory Panel.

## **Justification for the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP)**

ORRAP performs a unique and essential role by providing independent civilian advice from a diverse group of distinguished individuals to the Federal Interagency Committee for Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration (ICOSRMI) per 10 USC 7903 on policies, procedures, selection of projects and allocations of funds and on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements as well as other responsibilities that the Committee considers appropriate.

ORRAP (originally known as the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP)) is a statutory Panel under the Federal Advisory Committee. The panel's name was expanded to ORRAP in response to recent changes in the U.S. ocean governance structure. The ORAP, released December 17, 2004, created a coordinated ocean governance structure, including the Interagency Committee on Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration (ICOSRMI). The ORRAP mandated that an expanded version of the existing ORRAP, including ocean resource management, would provide independent advice and guidance to the ICOSRMI. ORRAP thus advises ICOSRMI to meet its obligations, in addition to advising NORLC to meet its legislative obligations under 10 USC 7903.

As a result of recent ORRAP recommendations and feedback, the National Ocean Research and Resources Priority Plan and Implementation Plan Strategy (<http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/docs/orppfinal.pdf>) were published in January 2007. This document presents research priorities that focus on the most compelling issues in key areas of interaction between society and the ocean and provides a framework for research investments in ocean science for the coming decade.

The panel also researched and published a report on Transitioning Research to Societal Applications (<http://www.nopp.org/iDuneDownload.dll?GetFile?AppId=141&FileID=318596&Anchor=&ext=.pdf>) that the government is using to help determine how to improve this process by direct investment in pilot programs. The panel also recently (1) explored opportunities for enhancing federal coordination with state ocean management and research initiatives, using the impressive State programs in California as a case study, and (2) began the study of ocean education investments underway in various federal agencies as a means of recommending coordination strategies.

A future topic will be evaluation of the Federal government investments on ocean research in relation to the ocean research priorities.

## CHARTER OCEAN RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL

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- C. Panel Membership: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 18 members, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, State Governments, academia and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy or related fields including ocean resource management. Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.

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- D. Panel Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the minimum number of Panel meetings is one per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Panel and subcommittee meetings.

The Panel shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Panel, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Panel for full

deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Panel nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Panel Members

- E. Duration of the Panel: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
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- I. Recordkeeping: The records of the Panel and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended)
- J. Charter Filed: